

Minutes of the **Town Council** remote meeting held via Skype,
on Tuesday 23rd June 2020 starting at 19.30hrs

Present:

Chair: Cllr P Burton

Councillors: Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr J Dewick, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr M James, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr L Taylor, Cllr F White, Cllr L Wilcock and Cllr B Hamilton

In Attendance:

County Councillor Linda Vijeh

Officers: Mrs J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk) Mrs H White (Town Clerk)

761 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Swann and Cllr Gunn.

762 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made regarding any items on the Agenda.

763 Standing Orders

Consideration was given to the amendment of the Town Council's Standing Orders to hold meetings remotely.

RESOLVED to approve amendment as attached to the Agenda.

764 Minutes

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2020 and 5th May 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2020 and 5th May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

765 Co-option of Councillors

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the procedure that would be followed and the voting requirements for co-option, for the filling of the casual vacancy on the Town Council.

Two people has submitted application forms and all had signed their declaration of eligibility.

The application forms has been circulated to Councillors with the agenda for the meeting.

Two candidates had five minutes each in which to give a short presentation about themselves and why they wanted to be a Councillor.

Councillors then asked questions of each candidate based upon their applications and what they had said.

One of the candidates was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and Mr Doyle secured an absolute majority of the vote.



RESOLVED that Mr Patrick Doyle be co-opted to the casual vacancy.

766 Police Report

No police report was received. Confirmation was given that the accessibility bench stolen from Wharf Lane recreation ground had been located and was back in the possession of Ilminster Town Council.

767 Report from the County Councillor for the Ilminster Division

Report was provided with the Agenda. No additional comments made. Report from the District Council will be provided in written format at a later date.

768 Purchase of the All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) – Recommendations from the Open Spaces Committee

Consideration given to the purchase of a Can-AM Traxter HD8 Pro to replace the current vehicle. The purchase was proposed and seconded and a vote was taken.

RESOLVED to purchase the Can-Am Traxter HD8 Pro.

769 Wardens' Workshop, Health & Safety:

Consideration given to the purchase of a chemical/fuel store for the Warden's Workshop. Consideration given as a health and safety concern. A vote was taken.

RESOLVED to purchase the chemical store.

770 Proposed new Open Spaces Committee member

The Opens Spaces committee voted Cllr Hamilton to join their committee.

Town Council ratified the decision.

The meeting closed at 20:28hrs.

Chair's signature

Date